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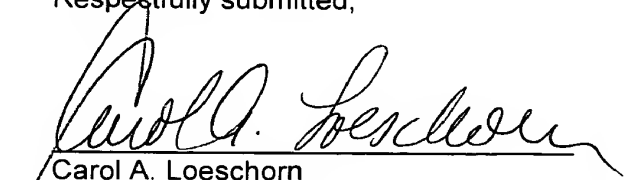
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

The listed references were cited in the International stage Search Report, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for the Convenience of the Examiner. Since these references are of record in the instant PCT application, PCT/EP00/4562, copies are not enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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